

118TH CONGRESS  
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# S. 1517

To extend and modify a pilot program to improve cyber cooperation with foreign military partners in Southeast Asia.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. DUCKWORTH introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

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## A BILL

To extend and modify a pilot program to improve cyber cooperation with foreign military partners in Southeast Asia.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Southeast Asia Part-  
5 nership Expansion Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXTENSION AND MODIFICATION OF PILOT PRO-**  
2 **GRAM TO IMPROVE CYBER COOPERATION**  
3 **WITH FOREIGN MILITARY PARTNERS IN**  
4 **SOUTHEAST ASIA.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (a) of section 1256 of  
6 the William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Au-  
7 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (Public Law 116–  
8 283; 134 Stat. 3956; 10 U.S.C. 333 note) is amended—

9 (1) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by  
10 striking “in Vietnam, Thailand, and Indonesia” and  
11 inserting “with covered foreign military partners”;

12 (2) in paragraph (1)—

13 (A) by inserting “defensive” before  
14 “cyber”; and

15 (B) by striking “Vietnam, Thailand, and  
16 Indonesia” and inserting “covered foreign mili-  
17 tary partners”; and

18 (3) in paragraph (2), by striking “Vietnam,  
19 Thailand, and Indonesia on” and inserting “covered  
20 foreign military partners on defensive”.

21 (b) ELEMENTS.—Subsection (b) of such section is  
22 amended—

23 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “Vietnam,  
24 Thailand, and Indonesia” and inserting “covered  
25 foreign military partners”; and

1           (2) in paragraph (2), by striking “Vietnam,  
2           Thailand, and Indonesia” and inserting “covered  
3           foreign military partners”.

4           (c) REPORTS.—Subsection (c)(2)(B) of such section  
5 is amended by striking “Vietnam, Thailand, and Indo-  
6 nesia” and inserting “covered foreign military partners”.

7           (d) CERTIFICATION.—Subsection (d) of such section  
8 is amended—

9           (1) by inserting “with any covered foreign mili-  
10          tary partner” after “scheduled to commence”; and

11          (2) by striking “Vietnam, Indonesia, or Thai-  
12          land” and inserting “the covered foreign military  
13          partner”.

14          (e) EXTENSION.—Subsection (e) of such section is  
15 amended by striking “December 31, 2024” and inserting  
16 “December 31, 2029”.

17          (f) DEFINITIONS.—Subsection (f) of such section is  
18 amended to read as follows:

19          “(f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

20                 “(1) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CON-  
21          GRESS.—The term ‘appropriate committees of Con-  
22          gress’ means—

23                         “(A) the Committee on Armed Services  
24                         and the Committee on Foreign Relations of the  
25                         Senate; and

1           “(B) the Committee on Armed Services  
2           and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the  
3           House of Representatives.

4           “(2) COVERED FOREIGN MILITARY PARTNER.—  
5           The term ‘covered foreign military partner’ means—

6                   “(A) Vietnam;

7                   “(B) Thailand;

8                   “(C) Indonesia;

9                   “(D) the Philippines; and

10                  “(E) Malaysia.”.

11           (g) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

12                   (1) Section 1256 of the William M. (Mac)  
13           Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for  
14           Fiscal Year 2021 (Public Law 116–283; 134 Stat.  
15           3956; 10 U.S.C. 333 note) is amended, in the sec-  
16           tion heading, by striking “**VIETNAM, THAILAND,**  
17           **AND INDONESIA**” and inserting “**COVERED FOR-**  
18           **EIGN MILITARY PARTNERS IN SOUTHEAST**  
19           **ASIA**”.

20                   (2) The table of contents for the William M.  
21           (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization  
22           Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (Public Law 116–283; 134  
23           Stat. 3388) is amended by striking the item relating  
24           to section 1256 and inserting the following:

“Sec. 1256. Pilot program to improve cyber cooperation with covered foreign  
military partners in Southeast Asia.”.

1           (3) The table of contents for title XII of the  
2           William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Au-  
3           thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (Public Law  
4           116–283; 134 Stat. 3905) is amended by striking  
5           the item relating to section 1256 and inserting the  
6           following:

“Sec. 1256. Pilot program to improve cyber cooperation with covered foreign  
military partners in Southeast Asia.”.

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